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the number of Greeks living in Czechoslovakia totalled about 10 thousand.

Among this number were many women who had lost their husbands in World War II. The Greeks were not scattered among the Czechs but had settled in larger groups, often setting up their own colony. Most of these groups had settled in the northwestern and later in the eastern part of Moravia, in the districts of Jesenik (formerly Frywaldov) and Valasske Mezirici. Most of the men were employed in the construction and building industries; the women worked on the state agriculture farms. Older children received training in various trades.

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the Greeks in Czechoslovakia were solidly pro-Communist.

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The children were well fed and housed, and given a chance to learn a trade by the Czech government. The Greeks retained their own customs; they did not associate very much with the Czechs.

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of any disturbances among Czechs and Greeks, nor any complaints or rumors of bad

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behaviour on the part of the Greek groups in Czechoslovakia.

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